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 SYSTEM FOR VARYING AN :  
 AWARD VOLUME IN AN :  
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## NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

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The complete application consists of 51 pages including:

- 1 cover sheet identifying the inventors;
- 33 pages of specification;
- 8 pages of claims;
- 1 page of abstract; and
- 8 sheets of formal drawings.

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The present invention is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/252,790, filed February 19, 1999 and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/490,877, filed January 24, 2000, both of which are currently pending and assigned the assignee of the present invention.

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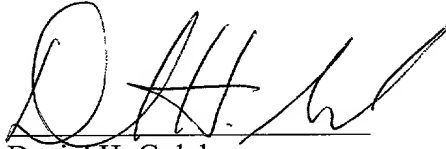
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